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**Another BDE Tour . . . Another Hit!!!
Buicks in the Upper Cumberland!**

Thanks to Frank and Jan Blizzard and Bruce and Shar Kile for an awesome time. Once again - places we have never been and things we haven't seen. Check it out in this issue.



**SAVE THE DATES!
BDE 2024 NATIONAL TOUR
Blue Ridge, Georgia
April 30 - May 2 2024
More Information to Follow**



Messages

OUR SENIOR DIRECTOR - JD WESTFALL - BDE #393

Hello BDE Members:

What a Great Fall Tour in Cookeville TN! The Kiles and Blizzards created a very entertaining tour. My lasting memories include the luncheon Who Done It Play with the drunk, newspaper man, Nan the Floozie, Sigmund Freud, the preacher and everyone else that had a part. The little town of 300 residents that re-created themselves to have all the shops, collections, and stores that kindled our attention for the day. And the banquet was superb! Great job Bruce & Shar and Frank & Jan!



The Spring 2024 National Tour is coming along. The dates are April 28 – May 2nd. I just got the banquet venue locked in. This was the biggest challenge. Yeah! I should have the registration form ready in a couple weeks. Stay tuned.

Time to rest our Buicks for the winter. Fill up the gas tank and put some stabilizer in the gas. This is the time to make those nagging improvements or repairs before next spring. If you are unsure how to get the repairs done, call another BDE brother or sister for suggestions. There is a wealth or knowledge in our BDE family. Anyone know how to get the steering wheel off a Wildcat?

Have a thankful Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.
J D

OUR MID BDE DIRECTOR - DARRELL BRUMBAUGH - BDE #143



Dear BDE members,

First I want to thank everyone for the prayers and thoughtfulness during Connie's last surgery.

We certainly missed seeing everyone by not going on the Fall Tour. As I write this, fall is in the air in the northern part of the country. With winter right around the corner. Most of our Buicks are tucked away for the season.

Looking ahead to next year, we are planning a trip to Alaska but hopefully we will be at the National Tour in the spring that JD is hosting. The planning for my upcoming tour is at a standstill pending hotel cooperation. Rates are higher in the more popular touristy areas. So we have started plans for a second location. Stay tuned for more details as we make decisions based on hotels. We will either be visting Virginia or Pennsylvania.

Stay healthy and enjoy the upcoming holiday season. I hope to see everyone in the spring.

Take care,
Darrell

OUR JUNIOR BDE DIRECTOR - BRUCE KILE - BDE #11

Hello BDE Family,,

Well, here it is December, and that means the Holidays are well underway. Since Thanksgiving is the arrival of the Holiday season, I'd like to reflect on the past year counting our many blessings and thanking the Good Lord for those blessings. Among those blessings, relating to our favorite hobby, has to be the number of miles Shar and I traveled safely in our Buicks. Those miles included a couple planning trips to Cookeville, Tennessee, the BDE National Tour in Mt Airy, a 5,100 mile roundtrip to Spokane for the BCA National, the BDE fall tour in Cookeville, and most recently, the BCA Southeast Regional in Milledgeville, Georgia.



Included in our gratitude for safe travel in our Buicks is most definitely being with YOU, our Buick "family". We sure hope to see y'all in Blue Ridge, Georgia in the spring, Strongsville, Ohio in the Summer and Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania next fall.

Peace, God Bless and Happy Holidays,
"Junior" (old) Bruce BDE 11

More Messages

SECRETARY - BELVA MEYER - BDE #023



We had a busy summer and fall which gave us to opportunity to see many of our BCA/BDE friends. This included traveling to the Tri Regional in Pennsylvania and the BCA national meet in Spokane. In addition to the cars and people, we enjoyed a day in Allentown, PA, and a historic tour of Spokane, Washington. Perhaps the largest gathering of Reattas (73) also took place at Back to the Bricks event in Flint, Michigan, in August.

I want to thank to Bruce and Shar Kile as well as Frank and Jan Blizzard for planning a great BDE Fall Tour in Cookeville, Tennessee. Again we visited places we probably would not have taken the time to stop at on our own. You never seem to go wrong with lunch and a murder to solve. Granville has an interesting history and many shops to visit. I have never seen so many whiskey decanters. Learning about bison and feeding them, (well just to be near animals of this size), was a great experience.

Upon our arrival in Florida, we went to Lakeland for the Lake Mirror Concours and Car Show. This year's feature was to commemorate General Motors Parade of Progress visit to Lakeland 70 years ago with the display of Futurliner #10 and four GM 50th anniversary show cars from 1953. We spent the day talking about the Futurliner and its history. There are videos on YouTube from the show if you are interested.

We also were able to attend the BCA Southeast Regional in Milledgeville, GA. Thanks to Dixie Chapter for hosting this event and our own J. D. Westfall for all the planning. This was a lesson in history including a visit to Warner Robins Air Museum and an 1800's governor's mansion. Also, thanks to John Cover for helping us when the battery died in the Reatta.

We are sad to learn of the passing of Brad Conley. He was a great guy and the owner of many special and unique Buicks.

I have two tomato plants in pots. Hopefully we get more tomatoes from these plants than I did from the ones this past summer.

Wishing you all the blessings of the Holidays,

Belva



MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON - ROBERTA VASILOW - BDE #17

Hello BDEer's and Happy Holidays!

Saw alot of you at the Fall Tour in Cookeville, a great time was has by all! And saw some of you at the BCA Southeast Regional in Milledgeville, Georgia, where we had some more great times!

Next up is the BDE National 2024 in Blue Ridge, Georgia, April 30 - May 2, 2024.

Make sure you check the list in this newsletter which **lists only those that need to pay their 2024 dues, if your name is not on the list you are paid up for 2024! Dues are due 12/31 every year!**

Saw a little bit of snow flurries today, but that's expected in November in Upstate NY.

Will look for some you in Florida in January, until then, be good, stay warm and get ready for more Buick fun in '24!



Roberta

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 - OVERTON AND MONTEREY

The BDE 2023 Fall Tour - Buicks in the Upper Cumberland - kicked off with a visit to the Overton County Heritage Museum. Located in a former jail building in Livingston, Tennessee, the Overton County Heritage Museum is home to a variety of exhibits including photographs, artifacts, and other historical relics from important parts of the county's history including the Revolutionary and Civil Wars and more.

(Top left: Herb Pasch steps out of a replica outhouse to welcome fellow BDE'ers to the museum.)

(Bottom left to right: Isabel Lenny, Jan Blizzard and Allison Westfall; 19th Amendment Display; Ed Lenny, Steve Cooley and Sid Meyer; Lynn Crutchfield visits John Williams in jail)



Following lunch it was on to the Monterey Depot Museum. And it wouldn't be a BDE tour without ice cream, so a stop at Ben-Anna's was next on the agenda!



(Top left to right: Monterey Depot Museum, Vintage baggage cart and other exhibits, O-Gauge scale train layout.)
(Bottom left to right: Rich Gibbs, Lola Manner, Joyce Williams, Roberta Vasilow and Sid Meyer; Courtney Shenkle; Fran Pasch; and of course - ice cream!)



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 - SPARTA AND McMINNVILLE

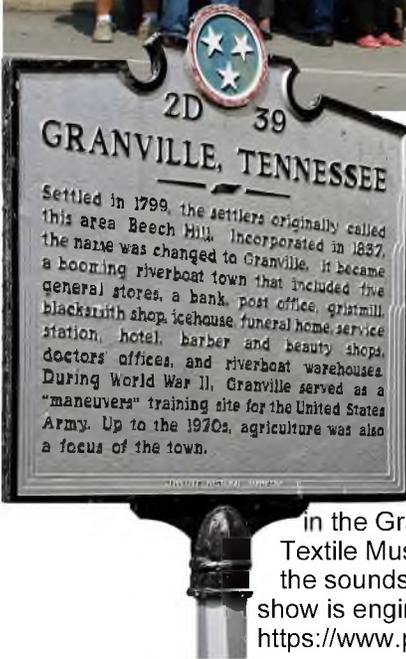
Our second day of touring took us to the White County Heritage Museum in Sparta, Tennessee. What an amazing trove of local history! Celebrating more than 200 years of history, White County was established in 1806. Features included the granddaddy of bluegrass, Lester Flatt. Revolutionary War Soldier, surveyor, and frontiersman John White; artifacts from water-wheel powered mills that operated in the area; Civil War relics from gun powder producing salt-peter mine; the battle of Dug Hill; and the home of notorious guerrilla Champ Ferguson who became the model character for the movie "The Outlaw Josey Wales."



From there we motored on to McMinnville, home of Falcon Rest Mansion and Gardens. While enjoying a delicious meal at Falcon Rest's Victorian Carriage House banquet hall we participated in "Murder at the Mansion" where members of the BDE were the real stars of the show. The interactive "whodunit" assigned us real characters from 1897, then turned us loose to ad-lib to our hearts' content. Needless to say, considering the players, the result was hilarious and fun.



In 1896, entrepreneur Clay Faulkner told his wife Mary he'd build her "the grandest mansion in Tennessee" if she would move next to their "Gorilla Pants" factory, 2-1/2 miles north of McMinnville. Faulkner's solid-brick, 10,000-square-foot mansion had all the "modern conveniences" when it was built – electric lights, indoor plumbing, central heat, and more. Today, Mr. Faulkner's Falcon Rest Mansion is a historic attraction, filled with museum-quality Victorian antiques.



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 - GRANVILLE

On Wednesday we journeyed to Historic Granville, "Tennessee's Mayberry Town"- population 469 and operated by 200 volunteers. Visiting Granville was a step back in time! We enjoyed the country cooking at the 1880's T.B. Sutton General store which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Besides homes, Granville features the Granville Museum, the Farm to Your Table Museum, and the Historic Sutton Homestead which connected visitors with memories of a simpler time. The Pioneer Village includes Gulf Service Station with antique cars, farm equipment, 1800's cabin, Artisans Building, Cottage Garden and so much more. The vintage cars in the Clemons Car Museum and the Whistle Stop Saloon offered photo opportunities. The Mayberry - I Love Lucy Museum showcased one of a kind artifacts from these popular TV shows. Of additional interest was the large collection of whiskey decanters

in the Granville Whiskey Decanter Museum and the newest museum, the Tennessee Quilt & Textile Museum. And on Saturday nights, the old walls of the T.S. Sutton General Store ring with the sounds of a hundred years ago. The Sutton Ole Time Music Hour is a live bluegrass radio show is engineered to sound like the early days of the Grand Ole Opry. Check it out at <https://www.pbs.org/show/best-sutton-ole-time-music-hour/>



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 - GRANVILLE (Continued from previous page)



Thanks to our fearless leaders we definitely took a safe trip down memory lane in Granville!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 - LAZY G RANCH

Oh give me a home where the bison roam . . . and the skies are not cloudy all day! Our final touring day was something most of us have not experienced before - bison in large quantities. This 120 acre family farm is home to way more than the average number of bison - like 150! The Lazy G herd is part of a national plan to repopulate the hills and plains with this iconic creature. Upon arrival we were “herded” into the barn where we were educated about these creatures thanks to Eddie II and Jason, sons of and co-owners with Eddie and Frida Gaw. From there we climbed aboard wagons and headed out to the pasture. And then the bison joined us! Male bison (bulls) weigh up to 2,000 pounds and stand 6 feet tall, while females (cows) weigh up to 1,000 pounds and reach a height of 4-5 feet. Bison calves weigh 30-70 pounds at birth.

This wasn't their first rodeo - snacks (bread) was on board.
 What an incredible experience - feeding the bison.



No matter what a bison's tail is doing, remember that they are unpredictable and can charge at any moment. You can judge a bison's mood by its tail. When it hangs down and switches naturally, the bison is usually calm. If the tail is standing straight up, watch out! It may be ready to charge.



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 - NEW VINTAGE AUTOMOTIVE

Before heading back to the motel to prepare for the Farewell Banquet, our final stop was at New Vintage Automotive in Historic Downtown Cookville. New Vintage Automotive restores a large variety of cars, but the national focus has been Opel restorations - Opel GT, Opel Manta, and Opel Kadett. They even deal with early Opel Olympia Rekords and Caravans.



CLOSING BANQUET

After four days of fun and touring with our BDE fellow members, it was time to say farewell.

A delicious meal was shared and presentations were made.

Ann Bell presented outgoing Senior Director Jerry Richstein with his Co-Director's badge.

Bruce Kile presented Paula Liska with the 2023 Buick Club of America's Literary Award - The Adventure and Travel Writing Award, for her 2022 Buick Driving Enthusiasts' National Tour, published in the November 2022 Buick Bugle.

The Cascada Crew honored all the BDE members who are veterans by giving them a "Thank You for Your Service" commemorative coin.

A rousing round of applause for our tour hosts Frank and Jan Blizzard and Bruce and Shar Kile, plus those who stepped up to help with yet another fantastic BDE Tour!



PRE-WAR BUICKS

The BDE was honored to have FIVE Pre-War Buicks driven to and on the 2023 Fall Tour - Buicks in the Upper Cumberland!



Jerry and Jean Richstein - 34 Sedan - Georgia



David Wettersten - 1938 Sedan - Wisconsin



Dan, Tammi and Ron Christensen - 1938 Sedan - Iowa



Bob O'Neil - 1940 Sedan - Tennessee



Frank Cwikla - 1940 Sedan - Wisconsin

Some of the Buicks on Tour



Check out the
September 2023
issue of
The Buick Bugle.

BDE member
Fran Pasch
is now a
published
writer.

Congratulations
Fran!



It's the holiday season so
we are sharing an uplifting,
feel good story.

"The Boy who Loves Cars."

Check it out at:
<https://youtu.be/S141eZcMS3Q>

The best way to get good at something,
anything, is to love it very much

Happy Holidays!

People



Dues are Due

Hi everyone! Dues are due December 31, 2023. If your name is here, yours are due.
 Help make our Membership Chairperson's job easier and please send your dues on time . . .
 Roberta Vasilow 6186 Torrey Road, Flint, MI 48507.

ANDERSON, JOHN & DONNA	BDE # 235 BCA # 23279	LEDGER, STEVE	BDE # 419 BCA # 4615
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BEATON, MARIE	BDE # 003 BCA #22953	MARCOM, ROD & CAROL	BDE# 576 BCA #48012
BODDEN, JERRY & JOAN	BDE # 063 BCA #01518	McCARTHY, JOHN & JO ELLEN	BDE #538 BCA #46404
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COOLEY, STEVE & WENDY	BDE # 425 BCA #49308	PATTESON, WAYNE	BDE #344 BCA #31008
CRUTCHFIELD, CARY & LYNN	BDE # 264 BCA #37211	PETSCH, W.F."SKIP" & JANE	BDE # 376 BCA #44573
DODSON, WILLIAM & DEBORAH	BDE # 439 BCA #14958	SCHICK, RICK	BDE #431 BCA #11187
EHRENFEUCHTER, WALT & JULIE	BDE #561 BCA	SEREMETH JR, ANDREW J. & LORETTA	BDE # 061 BCA #18469
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GIBBS,RICHARD A.	BDE # 144 BCA #13352	SNELL, DENNIS & MARY ANN	BDE #424 BCA # 08605
GIBSON, MARTEL & ANNE	BDE #573 BCA#11511	SNYDER, DAVID & CYVIA	BDE # 292 BCA #40337
GOFF,STEVE & ANGIE	BDE #383 BCA #44606	SOLARCZYK, GEORGE & SUSAN	BDE # 414 BCA # 47363
GRAVES, DANIEL & ROSE MARIE	BDE #509 BCA #48433	SPENCER, RHETT & SARAH	BDE # 381 BCA # 37680
GREENE, GUY	BDE #386 BCA #78245	SPLANE, LAWRENCE & PAMELA	BDE # 362 BCA #4806
HALPIN III, CHARLES	BDE #495 BCA #17637	STANCATO,GREG & JANICE	BDE # 532 BCA #51043
HAMILTON, BOB & CLOIE	BDE # 093 BCA #09417	STEFFY, CHARLES	BDE #374 BCA # 27089
HANNON, JOHN	BDE # 150 BCA #24664	TATOM,FRANK & LORI	BDE #575 BCA #52118
HARVEY, RICHARD & LINDA,	BDE # 429 BCA # 48753	VRABLIC, RAY & KATHY	BDE # 551 BCA # 48636
HERNDON, JEAN & SHARON	BDE #491 BCA #16852	WILLIAMS, JOHN & JOYCE	BDE #210 BCA #36101
HESS, JUDY	BDE # 166 BCA #06879	WILSON, MARK	BDE # 038 BCA #18748
HODGES, JAY & JUDY	BDE # 355 BCA #38433	WINEBARGER, DONALD & MARY ELLEN	BDE #223 BCA #37041
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A Renewal Application is enclosed with this newsletter for your convenience.

Welcome New Members

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It was a pleasure to meet Ron Christensen, Dan's Dad. He came with Dan and Tammi to our Fall Tour. Ron brought this working 1/3 scale model of the Johnny Boy 1 1/2 hp engine (first made in 1915) he made for Bobby Minis.

Passings

It is with great sadness that we share that **Kathy Daily**, BDE #365 BCA #42972, of Davison, MI, passed away on Thursday, October 12, 2023 with her family by her side. Kathy took a genuine interest in the lives of her family, her friends, and all of the lives that she touched. She had a gift for making everyone feel welcomed and that they mattered. Kathy was blessed with the the gift of gab, She was thorough and kind. On June 29, 1968, Kathy married the love of her life, John Daily. They were blessed with two children, Denise (Malinowski) and Matthew Daily, and seven grandchildren. She and John enjoyed retirement together, traveling all over Europe and the United States including Alaska and Hawaii.

She organized and enjoyed trips with the Buick Club, camping, boating and snowmobiling. She lived a full life and her most cherished the times with her family and friends. Kathy survived by her husband John Daily, her daughter Denise Malinowski (Jeff) and son Matthew Daily (Roni), grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces and nephews, whom she loved with all her heart. Visitation and a memorial service was held on Sunday, October 29th, 2023 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, Linden. A luncheon held on the family farm followed.

Kathy will be remembered in the BDE for her infectious smile and outgoing personality. Condolences can be sent to John Daily, 1043 Bluebell Lane, Davison, MI 48423. 810-658-0126 248-909-4009 (cell) esyrdr7@aol.com



We've lost another BDE member. John Cavanaugh - BDE #7 passed away November 21, 2023. John and his wife, Ellen were original members of the BDE.

John Cavanaugh, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and friend passed away peacefully November 2, 2023. Born in Chicago, John lived a remarkable life filled with love, music, and a passion for making a difference. He and Ellen celebrated 50 years of marriage before Ellen's passing four years ago. Family meant everything to John, and he was a cherished father to his children: Caryn Patterson (Steve), Mary Ellen Bass (Billy), and Jim Cavanaugh, also six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

John served in the Navy aboard the esteemed aircraft carrier, USS Independence.

John's professional journey began when he partnered with his father, Vince, in 1968, to purchase Super-Sensitive Musical String Co. They moved the company and family to Sarasota in 1972. As the owner of Super-Sensitive Musical String Co. and Black Diamond Strings, John dedicated himself to research and development, working closely with renowned musicians to enhance the quality of musical strings. He became affectionately known as the "G-String Man." Beyond his professional achievements and love for music, John had a zest for life that was contagious. Always armed with a ready smile and a quick wit, he delighted those around him with his sense of humor, often cracking jokes and bringing laughter to any gathering.

His love for antique cars, particularly Buicks became a part of his identity.

A celebration of John's Life was held at Church of the Palms in Sarasota, FL Memorial donations in memory of John can be made to the Church of the Palms, Sarasota Orchestra or TideWell Hospice, Inc. Condolences to the family may be made at www.palmsmemorial.com or on a more personal level - Mary Ellen Bass, 10581 W Edgar Lane, Crystal River, FL 34428

He will be truly missed. John was such a vital part of the BDE.



I'm sorry that John is gone, but not sorry for him. I'm sorry for those of us left behind, that will miss him so very much. I suppose that John, Ellen and Barb are riding around heaven in a Buick convertible. Mary Ellen called me today, and we had a very nice talk. After hanging up, I sat and thought about all the wonderful times we had together with John and Ellen. And many of those good times where with you folks in the BDE. I talked with John on the phone, I think about two weeks ago (not sure). He made sense and we had a short but good talk. Then yesterday, I talked to him. I did all the talking. Mary Ellen held the phone to his ear. That was hard.

I apologize for not being able to communicate with any of you, for such a long time. I have had and have now some pretty serious health issues. I'm waiting for a date to do an aorta valve in my heart. That should be sometime late Dec or early Jananuary. Prior to that I still have the back problems. I'm not complaining, just stating facts. I know that God has a plan as to when all of this is going to be resolved. I am complaining that since early summer, my doctors and my adult children won't let me drive. I know it is for my best and others on the road, but I sure miss driving.

I miss all of you so much. I won't say never, as there is always the possibility of me making it to a BDE function. We will see. Please know that I think of you all often, and all the good times we had together.

I wish you and yours a very Happy Thanksgiving.

God Loves you, and so do I.

Guy D. Greene, BDE 386

Photo of Ellen and John Cavanaugh contributed by Courtney Shenkle - BDE #285

Jezebel wasn't feeling well . . . look what resulted!



If your Buick is having an issue while on tour, there is always a crew of knowledgeable BDE members ready and willing to help.
What a great bunch of people!

BUICK DRIVING ENTHUSIASTS - ELECTED OFFICERS

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EDITOR - PAULA LISKA - BDE #2

Hi Everyone!

Wow! Are we in the Holiday Season already? My street has been ablaze with Christmas lights and displays for 3 weeks now, and I am just recovering from Thanksgiving. There may be a wreath on my door before the first of the year - if I'm lucky!!



I moved back into my home mid-October. Now the real fun begins. There are still things to be finished, but the real fun is unpacking and trying to find stuff. My BDE badge has finally been found! Unfortunately there is so much that should have gone away earlier!

What a lucky girl I am. The BDE Fall Tour and the BCA Southeast Regional were both on my agenda and what a great time I had at them.

Thanks to Frank and Jan Blizzard and Bruce and Shar Kile for hosting the Fall Tour. First time (and the last) I will feed a bison. Granville was most fascinating (I'm still trying to figure out their form of government), but the murder mystery luncheon was the best! Our BDE members played their roles to the max - and they're not even Equity! And the food was good, too.

The Southeast Regional was a home run. Hosted by the Dixie Chapter, JD Westfall and his crew did an amazing job. We could have spent the entire day at the Museum of Aviation, so much to see. Visiting Buick Gardens was the highlight for me. I follow Mr. Earl on Facebook and couldn't wait to see it in person. What an incredible accomplishment and such hospitality! And thanks to JD for trusting Roberta and me with his Wildcat convertible. Nice ride!

At this time of the year, I reflect back. It's been a bumpy ride for a year and a half, but I am stronger for it and have friends to thank. Life is indeed good. I am saddened by the loss of some of my BDE family, but have good memories of the times we spent together. I give thanks to everyone who has been a part of my life's journey.

Thanks to the people who helped make yet another issue of The Driving Force possible including - **Darrell Brumbaugh, Tammi Christensen, Rich Gibbs, Bruce and Shar Kile, Belva Meyer, Mike Stemen, Roberta Vasilow, JD Westfall**, and those who accidentally omitted. I truly hope I haven't forgotten anyone.

Special Photo credits to **Mike Sumrell**. His fantastic photos are marked with a "M in a circle"

We wouldn't have a newsletter without our members help and contributions. If you have something you would like to share just email me - Kliska@cfl.rr.com or via snail mail - 1424 Dogwood Court, Kissimmee FL 34744.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL NEWSLETTERS WILL BE EMAILED TO MEMBERS UNLESS YOU REQUEST OTHERWISE (or do not have an email address). THANKS FOR HELPING US STAY ON BUDGET!



Left: Thank you Jerry Richstein - BDE #398 for your service as Director. We appreciate you!

Right: Our puzzle experts completed TWO during the BDE Fall tour!



BCA SOUTHEAST REGIONAL - MILLEDGEVILLE, GEORGIA
October 26 - 28, 2023

It was good to see the BDE members who attended the Southeast Regional. The Southeast Region does touring for their events, not car shows, so we had the opportunity to visit places we hadn't visited before.



This photo from the 13 September 1943 issue of Life Magazine shows Geronimo hanging in his harness from a parachute. Awarded jump wings and the rank of sergeant, Geronimo was credited with raising more than \$16,000,000 in War Bonds.

Private Ken Williams with Geronimo, the 507th's jumping mascot. Geronimo became famous when an article about his jump before 60,000 spectators in Alliance, Nebraska, appeared in Life Magazine.

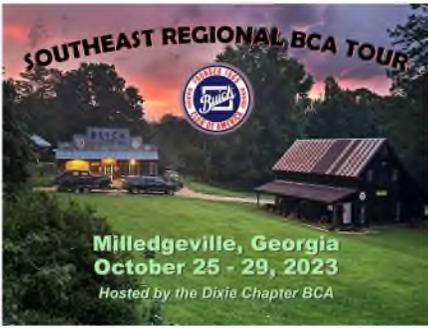
Our first tour, Thursday, October 26, took us to the The Museum of Aviation, the second-largest aerospace museum of the United States Air Force. Located just outside Warner Robins, the museum houses over 85 historic U.S. Air Force aircraft, missiles, cockpits and award-winning exhibits. The most popular exhibits include the 14th Air Force Flying Tigers, the 483rd Bomb Group, the story of WWII Ace Brig. Gen. Robert L. Scott, the Korean War, the Tuskegee Airmen, and the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment and Air Invasion of Normandy. The Museum's most notable aircraft include the SR-71A Blackbird, the P-40N Warhawk, F-4D Phantom II, B-29B Superfortress, and many more.

There was so much to see and not enough time. Our docents, veterans of the various wars were knowledgeable and informative. This museum is recommended to anyone who is a history buff!



Following lunch we headed to Andalusia, home of author Flannery O'Connor for 13 years. First settled in 1814, Andalusia was a cotton plantation and farm until it was purchased by Flannery's uncle, Dr. Bernard Cline in 1931. During the O'Connor's residency, the site contained 14 buildings with over 520 acres of land that was used for dairy and beef farming. Following a diagnosis of Lupus in 1951 at just 25 years old, Flannery moved to Andalusia to live under the care of her mother, Regina Cline O'Connor. During the 13 years she lived at Andalusia, she completed her 2 novels and 32 short stories centered around the American southern gothic genre. The farm's environment influenced the setting of many of her writings and the people of Milledgeville often inspired her characters.





On Friday, October 27, our most gracious hosts, Lamar (Mr. Earl) and Rita Brown (and their family), welcomed the Buick Club to Buick Gardens. Intrigued by Lamar's Facebook page, and even more encouraged after reading his "Retro 1930's Buick Sales & Service Garage" articles in the August and September issues of the Buick Bugle, I anxiously awaited this day of the tour, and WOW - what an event!



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More Buick Gardens!



*Kudos to you
Mike Sumrell for
all the great photos
on this page!
Thank you for sharing
them with us.

It was so nice to meet
you and Nora and your
beautiful 1968 Riviera!*





Our last day of touring at the Southeast Regional took us to Downtown Milledgeville where we embarked on a trolley tour of the historic city and also visited the Old Governor's Mansion. The Mansion, built in 1839 in the High Greek Revival style served as the residence of eight of Georgia's chief executives from 1839 to 1868. Georgia had five capitals - Savannah, Augusta, Louisville, Milledgeville, and Atlanta.



We bid our farewells that evening at the banquet. Another fun tour, thanks to the Dixie Chapter!



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- 1** IN USE: Indicates that your telephone is on.
- 2** ROAM: Lights when you have driven into a service area other than your home area.
- 3** NO SERVICE: Lights when you cannot place or receive calls, such as when you travel out of the service area.

DISPLAY
5 Dialled numbers are displayed on a bright, easy-to-read LED display. Ten digits are normally displayed, but up to sixteen digits may be entered to accommodate international numbers.

KEYPAD

- 6** STO STORE: This key is part of a repertory dialing feature. Up to ten 16-digit numbers can be stored in memory and recalled by dialing a one-digit access code and activating the RCL key.
- 7** RCL RECALL: This key is used to activate the repertory dialing feature (after dialing a one-digit access code).
- 8** The entire keypad is backlit - a plus for night use. Raised keys give positive touch and are sealed to keep out dust and moisture. TOUCH-TONE® signaling - most common to the industry.
- 9** S SEND: The SEND key transmits the number dialed and "remembers" the last number entered for easy automatic recalling.
- 10** CL CLEAR: Clears the display to correct dialing errors.
- 11** E END: Terminates a call when depressed.

HANDSET
12 The handset is designed for easy one-hand operation.

LATCH
13 The thumb latch is conveniently located for easy one-hand operation and safely secures handset to its cradle when not in use.

TELEPHONE NUMBER
14 Your telephone number is displayed here.

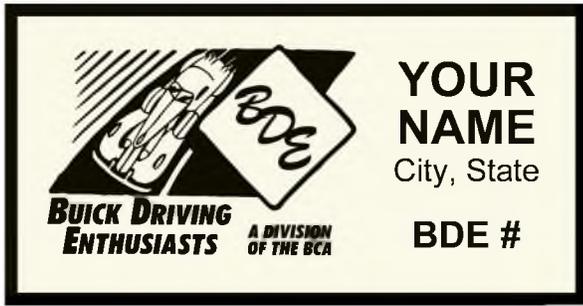
POWER
15 OFF ON: Power ON/OFF switch is designed for easy one-finger operation. Allows you to turn off the phone when you don't want to be disturbed.

SPEAKER
16 Allows for on-hook dialing. Built-in speaker gives you audible confirmation of keystrokes and allows you to listen to recorded announcements, stock or weather reports, and to confirm that the called party has answered without picking up handset until they have answered.

CONTROLS

- 17** HANDBSET: Adjusts handset volume of the calling party.
- 18** SPEAKER: Adjusts volume of built-in speaker.
- 19** ALERT: Adjusts volume of incoming ringing signal to allow for different driving conditions.
- 20** LOCK: Activates security electronic lock and prohibits any unauthorized use of the phone. Personalized three-digit code unlocks telephone.
- 21** HORN: Activates the horn alert feature so you won't miss an important call when you are away from your car.

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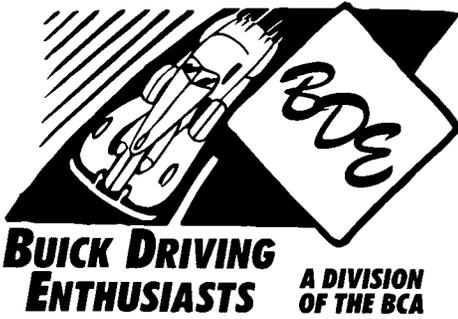
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